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REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 10 and 11 were pending. However, claim 10 has been cancelled. Thus,

claims 1-4, 6, 8 and 11 are now pending and under consideration.

The allowance of claims 1-4, 6, 8 and 11 is noted with sincere appreciation.

The rejection of claim 10 is rendered moot by its cancellation.

It is urged that all claims now pending stand allowed and that the application as a whole is

now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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